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Title: **COMPUTER NETWORK SECURITY SYSTEM AND METHOD HAVING
UNILATERAL ENFORCEABLE SECURITY POLICY PROVISION**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination.

In the Specification:

In the Specification on page 1, at the beginning of the section "Cross Reference to Related Application," please add the following sentence: This is a continuation of co-pending application entitled "Computer Network Security System and Method Having Unilateral Enforceable Security Policy Provision," having serial no. 08/986,457, filed December 8, 1997, having inventors Brownlie et al., owned by instant Assignee.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 12, 16, 25, 29 and 34 as follows, and add dependent claims 39 and 40.

1. (Once Amended) A computer network security system having enforceable security policy provision comprising:

means for providing variable security policy rule data for distribution to at least one network node;